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For: **Method of Pre-treating Lignocellulose Fiber Containing  
Material for the Pulp Making Process**

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**Response to Final Action**

In response to the official action dated October 11, 2001, in which all claims were finally rejected, applicant requests entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks.

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**AMENDMENT**

29. (Amended four times) A method for producing thermo-mechanical pulp from lignocellulose fiber-containing chip feed material comprising the steps of:

first conditioning said fiber containing feed material in an environment of saturated steam at a pressure in the range of about 15-25 psi to produce a conditioned feed material;

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